NCA Review and Comment System

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Online Review and Comment System: Overview

- Potential for thousands of reviews for the NCA

- Need a system to allow submission and management of comments as well as to facilitate efficient responses by the authors

- Needs to be usable and simple, secure, searchable, flexible

- Designed to accommodate diverse future review needs

Status

- Website is in usability testing
- Moving to permanent 'hosting' environment
- Security testing – eliminating any code vulnerability

- All requirements have been incorporated. Now deploying some 'nice to have' functions

A Few Requirements

- Users are authenticated
- Can submit comments by whole document, whole chapter, pages, line numbers, figures etc
- Disability compliant
- Users will be strongly encouraged to use an online form, BUT can also download an excel form, work offline and then upload
- Users can review and edit their own comments up until the end of the comment period
- At the public release of the NCA, the comments and responses will also be made public. Commenters names will be associated with their comment. They will be warned about this when they create an account

A Few More Features

- Authors/staff will be able to search for comments by topics, chapters, key words, user ID and more. Will assist in organizing comments and checking consistency of responses

- Authors will use the same system to insert their responses. Different kind of account of course.

- Responses will also be fully searchable to help with consistency checks

- Will be able to generate summaries and reports on the comments and the responses

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Before showing a demo:

The Executive Secretariat would like NCADAC input on the following:

The availability of information about the public reviewers to the authors: Anonymous Review or Disclosed names?

1) Authors would only see anonymous comments
(with a numeric user ID to associate comments from the same user)

Or

2) Authors could see the name of the commenter at the time the authors are responding

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If comments are anonymous:

- Would eliminate any perception of or actual bias. Each comment would be based on its merits alone
- Consistent with approach to peer review science publications

But also
- Departure from IPCC and other familiar processes
- Will not be able to ask commenter for clarification

Review editors will also be reviewing the responses

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Quick demo:

http://dev.nemac.org/revcom/